



December Trip Report

It was a few days before Christmas when about fourteen Mountaineers and guests gathered for a snow bashing trip to the Crown Point road. The road had been checked out by our newly elected trip planner group on the previous weekend. They reported that the road was passable all the way to the end but predicted that it might take some work to get all the vehicles through. We were led by Brett and his trusty sidekick, Oreo, up the Poudre and onto the Pingre Park road.

When Brett stopped for us to air down and to lock in our hubs, there was just a little snow on the ground. As we got higher and higher on the mountain, the snow got deeper and the wind had whipped the snow into some pretty good sized drifts along the way. By the time we reached the Black Hollow turnoff,

several vehicles had gotten high centered in the drifts or had been sucked into the giggly weeds by the unpredictable snow. That was just a warm up for our snatching straps. It took quite awhile for the back of the pack to catch up with the front at Black Hollow.

While those with the big tires and engines were trying to go up the main trail, Brandon K. couldn't wait to try Black Hollow as it is his favorite. He took a little run at it and didn't get very far, just far enough to have to be strapped out. The failure to get very far must have been eating at Brandon and before long he got a great big run. With engine roaring and tires spinning, he launched his dad's CJ into a huge snow drift that was blocking the road. It took Coyote John and Darwin forever to get Brandon pulled to safety. A few people suggested that we come back during the spring thaw to get him out.

Meanwhile back on the main trail, it seemed that progress was measured in inches instead of feet. The big rigs were taking turns trying to bash the drifts. After what seemed like an eternity, Coyote John enlisted Don M. as his winch cable puller and wore poor ol' Don plum out. Anthony T. took over

The cable duty and they finally broke through the last drift. The only problem was they were on the upper side of the drifts and they had to get back which again would take a while. They decided that the day was fun and done and those that were left packed up and headed for home, or so they thought!

As everyone was leaving, Don M. reported that his Toyota Land Crusher would not run. Coyote John pulled him down the road until they came to a bare spot where they could crawl under the beast to determine the problem. The fuel pump had given up the ghost and Brett dug around in the back of the Scout and came up with a spare electric fuel pump for Don. The repair was made and Don was able to get to town under his own power instead of the end of a strap. Hmmm I wonder what a fuel pump is worth when you are forty miles away from home up in the mountains? All in all, it was another great day of wheeling with the Mountaineer family.

El Guapo





Club Trip

Seven Mile

Meet at Albertson's at
9:00AM Sunday Jan. 25th



Mountaineers in Moab, 2009

We have set a date for this years Mountaineers Moab trip. The first day of wheeling will be May 30th. There will be trips through Friday June 5th. Make your plans now for a fun week of great wheeling. If you have any questions, we will be glad to answer them at our membership meeting.



Food Drive for Larimer County

Non-Perishable Items Most Needed

Canned Dinners (chili, stew, etc.)

Peanut Butter

Canned Beans

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Money

We will be collecting food at our next Club Meeting
January 21

The Food Bank of Larimer County reduces hunger by distributing food to individuals and in cooperation with more than 70 agencies that serve those in need. In 2007, Food Bank distributed 5.6 million pounds of food to low-income residents in Larimer County, valued at more than \$9,400,000!

Food Bank for Larimer County

2008 Fact Sheet

Staffed by 21 employees and supported by hundreds of volunteers, the Food Bank distributed 5 million pounds of food in 2006 to at-risk residents throughout Larimer County. Established in 1984, the Food Bank is the only America's Second Harvest clearinghouse for donated food in Larimer County.

Service Provided

Food Share:

The direct service pantry program is an important source of food for more than 8,000 low-income people each month, nearly on half are children and elderly. In 2007, more than 21,000 individuals were served through the two Food Share locations in Ft. Collins and Loveland.

Food Link:

A source of food for approximately 70 Larimer County nonprofit member agencies that serve the hungry, the Food Bank saved these agencies nearly \$2 million on food expenses in 2007.

Resources Needed

Food Sources:

The Food Bank collects donated food from community food drives, local and national manufactures, distributors, grocers, growers, restaurants and the government.

Funding:

At 38%, our largest source of income comes from individual donors. Additional funding comes from foundations(16%); member agencies through shared maintenance(transportation and handling) fees;(8%); the United Way (5%); special fund raising events (10%); the government (8%); faith communities (4%); corporations (4%); and other activities (7%).

Volunteers: In 2007, more than 1,400 volunteers contributed hours.



Land Use Committee

The Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Land Use Committee is dedicated to the protection of public access to public lands.

Many of the member clubs of the Colorado Association have adopted roads and do volunteer projects on lands that are managed by the BLM and the Forest Service to stop the lost mileage from road closures. Through these agreements they are able to maintain public access by doing maintenance, mitigating problems related to resource damage, and by rehabilitating existing infrastructures. Through these efforts the clubs reduce impacts to the environment and support the managing agencies in keeping access available to the public. Annually the clubs document thousands of volunteer hours on their Adopt-A-Roads and volunteer projects on the public lands across Colorado.

Another way to influence the management of the public lands is to become involved with the Forest Service District, or BLM Resource Area near you. Many scope projects are done on the public lands each year, and your comments are important. Also, giving comments during the Forest Planning process is another important way to influence the future management of our public lands.



In Short the Colorado Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs Was Formed to:

1. Promote responsible land stewardship and a positive attitude toward motorized and mechanized recreation
2. Provide a united effort against legislation, which would impose undue restrictions on 4WD vehicle use.
3. Institute programs of conservation, education and safety.
4. Encourage Federal and State land managing agencies to develop areas and trails for 4WD outdoor recreation.
5. Disseminate information of interest to motorized/mechanized enthusiasts.
6. Promote activities and events, which will encourage and contribute to the welfare of our Associate (Business) members.



4x4 Classifieds

For Sale: 40" Ground Hogs with Steel Rims, 5 Lug, 17" Wide good tread \$350 Roger MacDonald 970-219-5353

For Sale: 3/8 by 50' winch cable, it is in good shape. Call Don at 970-556-7276 \$50.00 or best offer.

For Sale: 2005 Rubicon. 15,600 miles. 6 speed. This is a fully trail ready Rubicon. Over \$8,000 in additional equipment including: Teraflex 4 inch long arm lift kit, 33x12.50 Goodyear MTR tires, JKS front sway bar disconnect, Skid Row engine and trans skid plate, Fabtech rear bumper with tire carrier, Jeep rock sliders, Warn 9.5ti winch, Poison Spyder trail corner armor and differential rock rings, Xenon 6 inch poly fender flares, heavy duty tie rod, Bilstein 5100 shocks, Jeep seat covers and a Best top safari bikini top. Factory soft top with tinted windows and half doors. Well maintained with Mobil One synthetic oil. Have all records and receipts. No body damage from offroading. paint is in great shape! The interior has had seat covers since day one. This Jeep can do the toughest trails and goes down the highway at 75 mph perfectly. Asking \$23,500 It can be seen on www.cars.com as well as www.hcp4x4.com.

January 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Ted Miller	5	6 Darla Miller Wyvonne Stengaard	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOARD MEETING <i>Kyle Eddy</i>	13 Jessica Stengaard	14	15 Julie Moen	16	17 Michelle Jansen
18	19 Melissa Kemp	20	21 Club Meeting	22	23	24 Taylor Crue
25 Club Trip	26	27 Richard Marolf Karen Riley	28	29	30	31

February 2009						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chris Mercer	2	3 Jamie McQuaid	4 Erin Lenderink	5	6 Lizzie Pryzgoda	7
8	9 BOARD MEETING <i>Craig Stumbough</i>	10	11 Kim Wheeler	12 Avery Prewett	13 Sandy Vlcek	14 A&T Shively
15	16 Nicholas Kemp	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20	21
22 Club Trip Christopher Kapperman	23	24	25 Colleen Stengaard	26	27	28 Gene Kapperman
						29 Judy Heiderscheidt

Board Meeting: Feb. 9 7:30pm Craig Stumbough
Mar. 9 7:30pm Shane Payton
Membership Meeting: Jan. 21 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Feb. 18 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
Club Trip: Jan. 25 **9:00am Albertson's Parking Lot N. College & Willox**



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January Newsletter

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The following businesses give Mountaineer Members special discounts on parts or specific services. In other words, they save us money... and we are grateful.

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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Coyote Cruisers & OffRoad 417 North Hwy 287 Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-221-1833</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
<p>Front Range Off-Road Fabrication 24192 W. County Rd. 74E Red Feather Lakes, CO 970-881-2418 www.frontrangeoffroadfab.com</p>	<p>4X4 Used Parts / 4X4 Off Road 938 West Willox Lane, Ft. Collins 970-224-1133 www.4x4usedparts.com</p>	<p>RockStomper P.O. Box 724 Firestone, Colorado 303-833-1431</p>
<p>Fort Collins Floral 205 N. College Ave, Ft. Collins 970-482-1481 www.fortcollinsfloral.com</p>	<p>Horsepower Auto Brokers 1409 E. Olive Ct. Unit E, Ft. Collins 970-482-2579 www.horsepowerauto.com</p>	<p>Vanworks 900 East Lincoln Avenue Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-484-5344</p>
<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	<p>Aunt T's Pet Motel 3200 E. Mulberry Ft. Collins 970-484-5776 www.fcvet.com</p>	